

R E P O R T

FROM THE

SELECT COMMITTEE

ON

PUBLIC HEALTH (IRELAND)  
BILL;

WITH THE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.

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*Ordered, by The House of Commons, to be Printed,  
2 August 1877.*

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*Tuesday, 10th July 1877.*

*Ordered, THAT the PUBLIC HEALTH (IRELAND) BILL be read a second time, and committed to a Select Committee.*

*Thursday, 12th July 1877.*

*Ordered, THAT the Committee do consist of 19 Members:—*

Sir Michael Hicks Beach.	Mr. Bruen.
Mr. Maurice Brooks.	Mr. George Beresford.
Mr. Attorney General for Ireland.	Mr. Meldin.
Mr. Delahunty.	Mr. Verner.
Viscount Crichton.	Mr. Biggar.
Mr. Gray.	Mr. Macartney.
Sir Arthur Guinness.	Mr. Redmond.
Mr. Richard Power.	Mr. King-Harman.
Mr. Kavanagh.	Mr. Swanston.
Mr. Butt.	

*Ordered, THAT Five be the Quorum of the Committee.*

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THE SELECT COMMITTEE to whom the PUBLIC HEALTH (IRELAND) Bill was referred—HAVE gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

2 August 1877.

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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE

Monday, 23rd July 1877.

## MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sir Michael Hicks Beach.	Mr. Bruen.
Mr. George Beresford.	Mr. Maurice Brooks.
Mr. Swanton.	Mr. Verner.
Mr. Richard Power.	Mr. Gray.
Mr. Delahanty.	Mr. Meldon.
Mr. Redmond.	Sir Arthur Guinness.
Mr. Macartney.	Mr. Kavanagh.
Mr. Attorney General for Ireland.	Mr. Biggar.
Viscount Crichton.	Mr. King-Harman.

Sir MICHAEL HICKS BEACH was called to the Chair.

Clause 1, *agreed to*.

Clause 2, *postponed*.

Clauses 3 and 4, *agreed to*.

Clause 5.—Amendment proposed, in Sub-section 3, line 28, to leave out from the word "authority" to the end of the Clause—(Mr. Gray).—Question put, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause."—The Committee divided:

Ayes, 8.	Noes, 8.
Mr. Attorney General for Ireland.	Mr. Maurice Brooks.
Viscount Crichton.	Mr. Delahanty.
Sir Arthur Guinness.	Mr. Gray.
Mr. Kavanagh.	Mr. Richard Power.
Mr. Bruen.	Mr. Meldon.
Mr. George Beresford.	Mr. Biggar.
Mr. Verner.	Mr. Redmond.
Mr. Macartney.	Mr. Swanton.

Whereupon, the Chairman declared himself with the *Ayes*.—Clause *agreed to*.

Clauses 6—8, *agreed to*.

Clause 10.—An Amendment made.—Amendment proposed, in page 7, Line 28, after the word, "in," to insert the words, "Examining and reporting on"—(Mr. Bruen).—Question put, That these words be there inserted.—The Committee divided:

Ayes, 4.	Noes, 12.
Mr. Maurice Brooks.	Mr. Attorney General for Ireland.
Mr. Bruen.	Mr. Delahanty.
Mr. Meldon.	Viscount Crichton.
Mr. Biggar.	Mr. Gray.
	Sir Arthur Guinness.
	Mr. Richard Power.
	Mr. Kavanagh.
	Mr. George Beresford.
	Mr. Macartney.
	Mr. Redmond.
	Mr. Swanton.
	Mr. Verner.

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Another Amendment proposed, in line 29, to leave out the words "in the making or repairing of sewers and drains"—(Mr. Bruce).—Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.—The Committee divided:

Ayes, 13.	Noes, 3.
Mr. Maurice Brooks.	Mr. Bruen.
Mr. Attorney General for Ireland.	Mr. Meldon.
Mr. Delahanty.	Mr. Biggar.
Viscount Crichton.	
Mr. Gray.	
Sir Arthur Guinness.	
Mr. Richard Power.	
Mr. Kavanagh.	
Mr. George Beresford.	
Mr. Verner.	
Mr. Macartney.	
Mr. Redmond.	
Mr. Swanston.	

Another Amendment proposed, in line 30, after the word "execution," to insert the words "or siding in the administration"—(Mr. Meldon).—Question, "That those words be there inserted,"—put, and negatived.—Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 11 and 12, agreed to.

Clause 13, disagreed to.

Clause 14, agreed to.

Clause 15, postponed.

Clause 16—21, agreed to.

Clause 22, amended, and agreed to.

Clause 23 and 24, agreed to.

Clause 25, amended, and agreed to.

Clause 26, agreed to.

Clause 27, amended, and agreed to.

Clauses 28—39, agreed to.

Clause 40.—Amendment proposed, in page 17, line 17, to leave out from the words, "The provisions" inclusive to the end of the Clause.—(Mr. Bruce).—Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.—The Committee divided:

Ayes, 6.	Noes, 9.
Mr. Delahanty.	Mr. Maurice Brooks.
Viscount Crichton.	Mr. Gray.
Sir Arthur Guinness.	Mr. Richard Power.
Mr. Kavanagh.	Mr. Bruen.
Mr. George Beresford.	Mr. Meldon.
Mr. Swanston.	Mr. Verner.
	Mr. Biggar.
	Mr. Macartney.
	Mr. Redmond.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 41 and 42, agreed to.

[Adjourned till To-morrow, at Twelve o'clock.]

Tuesday, 24th July 1877.

# MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sir MICHAEL HICKS BEACH in the Chair.

Mr. Kavanagh.	Mr. Macartney.
Viscount Crichton.	Mr. Meldon.
Mr. George Beresford.	Sir Arthur Guinness.
Mr. Bruen.	Mr. Verner.
Mr. Maurice Brooks.	Mr. Redmond.
Mr. Swanston.	Mr. Biggar.
Mr. Delahanty.	Mr. Attorney General for Ireland.
Mr. Gray.	Mr. King-Harman.
Mr. Richard Power.	

Clauses 43 and 44, amended, and *agreed to*.

Clause 45.—Amendment proposed, in line 6, after the word “water-closet,” to insert the words “or a drain to be connected therewith.”—(Mr. Gray).—Question, That those words be there inserted,—*put*, and *negatived*.—Clause *agreed to*.

Clauses 46—48, *agreed to*.

Clause 49, amended, and *agreed to*.

Clauses 50 and 51, *agreed to*.

Clauses 52 and 53, amended, and *agreed to*.

Clauses 54—58, *agreed to*.

Clause 60.—Amendment proposed, in page 24, line 36, at the beginning of the line to insert the words, “notwithstanding anything contained in any local Act to the contrary.”—(Mr. Gray).—Question put, That those words be there inserted.—The Committee divided:

Ayes, 2.

Mr. Gray.

Mr. Biggar.

Noes, 10.

Mr. Maurice Brooks.

Mr. Delahanty.

Mr. Richard Power.

Mr. Kavanagh.

Mr. Bruen.

Mr. George Beresford.

Mr. Verner.

Mr. Swanston.

Mr. Macartney.

Mr. Redmond.

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.—The Committee divided:

Ayes, 9.

Mr. Maurice Brooks.

Mr. Delahanty.

Mr. Gray.

Mr. Richard Power.

Mr. Kavanagh.

Mr. Bruen.

Mr. George Beresford.

Mr. Redmond.

Mr. Swanston.

Noes, 8.

Mr. Verner.

Mr. Biggar.

Mr. Macartney.

Clauses 61—80, *agreed to*.

Clause 81.—Amendment proposed, in line 23, to leave out the words “of at least nine superficial feet in area clear of sash-frame,” in order to insert the words “or windows of such an area as shall be deemed sufficient by the sanitary authority.”—(Mr. Meldon).—instead thereof.—Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.—The Committee divided:

Ayes, 6.

Mr. Maurice Brooks.

Mr. Verner.

Mr. Macartney.

Mr. King-Harman.

Mr. Swanston.

Noes, 9.

Mr. Delahanty.

Mr. Gray.

Mr. Richard Power.

Mr. Kavanagh.

Mr. Bruen.

Mr. George Beresford.

Mr. Meldon.

Mr. Biggar.

Mr. Redmond.

Words inserted.—Clause, as amended, *agreed to*.

Clauses 82—84, *agreed to*.

Clause 85, amended, and *agreed to*.

Clauses 86 and 87, *agreed to*.

Clause 88, amended, and *agreed to*.

Clauses 89 and 90, *agreed to*.

Clause 91, amended, and *agreed to*.

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Clause 92.—Question put, That this Clause stand part of the Bill.—The Committee divided :

Ayes, 8.	Noes, 6.
Mr. Maurice Brooks.	Mr. Delahanty.
Mr. Kavanagh.	Mr. Gray.
Mr. Bruen.	Mr. Richard Power.
Mr. George Beresford.	Mr. Meldon.
Mr. Verner.	Mr. Biggar.
Mr. Macartney.	Mr. Redmond.
Mr. King-Harman.	
Mr. Swanston.	

Clause 93.—Amendment proposed, in line 9, after the word "infectious," to insert the words "or contagious"—(Mr. Meldon).—Question put, That those words be there inserted.—The Committee divided :

Ayes, 3.	Noes, 11.
Mr. Bruen.	Mr. Maurice Brooks.
Mr. Meldon.	Mr. Attorney General for Ireland.
Mr. Redmond.	Mr. Delahanty.
	Mr. Gray.
	Mr. Kavanagh.
	Mr. George Beresford.
	Mr. Verner.
	Mr. Biggar.
	Mr. Macartney.
	Mr. Swanston.
	Mr. Richard Power.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 94.—Amendment proposed, in line 16, to leave out the words "or constable"—(Mr. Richard Power).—Question put, That the words "or constable" stand part of the Clause.—The Committee divided :

Ayes, 3.	Noes, 11.
Mr. Kavanagh.	Mr. Maurice Brooks.
Mr. Verner.	Mr. Attorney General for Ireland.
Mr. Macartney.	Mr. Delahanty.
	Mr. Gray.
	Mr. Richard Power.
	Mr. Bruen.
	Mr. George Beresford.
	Mr. Meldon.
	Mr. Biggar.
	Mr. Redmond.
	Mr. Swanston.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 95—97, agreed to.

Clause 98, amended, and agreed to.

Clauses 99 and 100, agreed to.

Clause 101, amended, and agreed to.

Clauses 102—125, agreed to.

Clause 126.—Amendment proposed, in line 17, after the words "fallmonger or," to insert the words "lime-burner or"—(Mr. Meldon).—Question put, That the words "lime-burner or" be there inserted.—The Committee divided :

Ayes, 5.	Noes, 9.
Mr. Delahanty.	Mr. Maurice Brooks.
Mr. Gray.	Vicount Crichton.
Mr. Richard Power.	Mr. Kavanagh.
Mr. Meldon.	Mr. Bruen.
Mr. Redmond.	Mr. George Beresford.
	Mr. Verner.
	Mr. Macartney.
	Mr. King-Harman.
	Mr. Swanston.

Another Amendment proposed, in line 20, after the words "tripe boiler or," to insert the words "gut manufacturer or"—(Mr. Gray).—Question put, That the words "gut manufacturer or" be there inserted.—The Committee divided:

Ayes, 8.  
Mr. Maurice Brooks.  
Mr. Delahanty.  
Mr. Gray.  
Mr. Richard Power.  
Mr. Bruen.  
Mr. Meldon.  
Mr. Redmond.  
Mr. Swanston.

Noes, 6.  
Viscount Crichton.  
Mr. Kavanagh.  
Mr. George Beresford.  
Mr. Verner.  
Mr. Macartney.  
Mr. King-Harman.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 127, agreed to.

Clauses 128—132, agreed to.

Clause 133.—Amendment proposed, in line 3, to leave out the words "such officer or person," in order to insert the words "the officer of such authority"—(Mr. Richard Power).—instead thereof.—Question put, That the words "such officer or person" stand part of the Clause.—The Committee divided:

Ayes, 8.  
Viscount Crichton.  
Mr. Kavanagh.  
Mr. Bruen.  
Mr. George Beresford.  
Mr. Verner.  
Mr. Macartney.  
Mr. King-Harman.  
Mr. Swanston.

Noes, 5.  
Mr. Meldon.  
Mr. Richard Power.  
Mr. Gray.  
Mr. Delahanty.  
Mr. Maurice Brooks.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 136, agreed to.

Clause 137.—Amendment proposed, in line 22, to leave out the word "any," in order to insert "every"—(Mr. Bruen).—instead thereof.—Question put, That the word "any" stand part of the Clause.—The Committee divided:

Ayes, 6.  
Mr. Delahanty.  
Viscount Crichton.  
Mr. Gray.  
Mr. Richard Power.  
Mr. Verner.  
Mr. Swanston.

Noes, 7.  
Mr. Maurice Brooks.  
Sir Arthur Guinness.  
Mr. Kavanagh.  
Mr. Bruen.  
Mr. George Beresford.  
Mr. Meldon.  
Mr. Macartney.

Word "every" inserted.

Another Amendment proposed, in line 22, to leave out the word "may," in order to insert the word "shall"—(Mr. Bruen).—instead thereof.—Question put, That the word "may" stand part of the Clause.—The Committee divided:

Ayes, 7.  
Mr. Delahanty.  
Viscount Crichton.  
Mr. Gray.  
Mr. Richard Power.  
Mr. Kavanagh.  
Mr. Verner.  
Mr. Swanston.

Noes, 8.  
Mr. Maurice Brooks.  
Sir Arthur Guinness.  
Mr. Bruen.  
Mr. George Beresford.  
Mr. Meldon.  
Mr. Macartney.

A further Amendment made.—Another Amendment proposed, at the end of the Clause, to add the words "and may provide for the conveyance of such articles to and from each place"—(Mr. Gray).—Question proposed, That these words be there added.—Whereupon, Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, by leaving out the words "and from"—  
Mr.



(Mr. Macartney).—Question put, That the words "and from" stand part of the proposed Amendment.—The Committee divided:

Ayes, 3.  
Mr. Gray.  
Mr. Bruen.  
Mr. Meldon.

Noes, 10.  
Mr. Maurice Brooks.  
Mr. Delahunty.  
Viscount Crichton.  
Sir Arthur Guinness.  
Mr. Richard Power.  
Mr. Kavanagh.  
Mr. George Beresford.  
Mr. Verner.  
Mr. Macartney.  
Mr. Swanston.

Question, That the Amendment, as amended, be added to the Clause,—put, and agreed to.—Clause, as amended, agreed to.

[Adjourned till To-morrow, at Twelve o'clock.]

Wednesday, 25th July 1877.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sir MICHAEL HICKS BEACH, in the Chair.

Mr. Delahunty.  
Mr. Richard Power.  
Mr. Gray.  
Mr. Swanston.  
Mr. Maurice Brooks.  
Mr. George Beresford.  
Mr. Kavanagh.  
Mr. Meldon.

Mr. Verner.  
Mr. Macartney.  
Mr. Bruen.  
Mr. King-Harman.  
Viscount Crichton.  
Mr. Attorney General for Ireland.  
Sir Arthur Guinness.

Clauses 138—141, amended, and agreed to.

Clause 142, agreed to.

Clause 143.—Amendment proposed, in line 12, to leave out the word "weeks," in order to insert the word "months"—(Mr. Meldon).—instead thereof.—Question put, That the word "weeks" stand part of the Clause.—The Committee divided:

Ayes, 5.  
Mr. Maurice Brooks.  
Mr. Delahunty.  
Viscount Crichton.  
Mr. Richard Power.  
Mr. Kavanagh.

Noes, 7.  
Mr. Gray.  
Mr. Bruen.  
Mr. George Beresford.  
Mr. Meldon.  
Mr. Verner.  
Mr. Macartney.  
Mr. Swanston.

Word "months," inserted.—A further Amendment made.—Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 144—146, agreed to.

Clause 147, disagreed to.

Clauses 148 and 149, agreed to.

Clause 150.—An Amendment made.—Another Amendment proposed, in line 3, after the word "offices," to insert the words, "or any other medical practitioner"—(Mr. Meldon).—Question put, That these words be there inserted.—The Committee divided:

Ayes, 6.  
Mr. Maurice Brooks.  
Mr. Gray.  
Sir Arthur Guinness.  
Mr. Richard Power.  
Mr. Meldon.  
Mr. Swanston.

Noes, 8.  
Mr. Delahunty.  
Viscount Crichton.  
Mr. Kavanagh.  
Mr. Bruen.  
Mr. George Beresford.  
Mr. Verner.  
Mr. Macartney.  
Mr. King-Harman.

Another Amendment proposed, in line 4, after the word "at," to leave out the words "the general rate of his allowances for services for the union district," in order to insert the words, "a rate to be fixed by the Local Government Board"—(Mr. Braen),—instead thereof.—Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.—The Committee divided:

Aye, 1.  
Mr. Macartney.

Noes, 13.  
Mr. Maurice Brooks.  
Mr. Delahanty.  
Viscount Crichton.  
Mr. Gray.  
Sir Arthur Guinness.  
Mr. Richard Power.  
Mr. Kavanagh.  
Mr. Bruen.  
Mr. George Beresford.  
Mr. Meldon.  
Mr. Verner.  
Mr. King-Harman.  
Mr. Swanton.

Words inserted.—Clause, as amended, *agreed to*.

Clauses 151—153, *agreed to*.

Clause 154, amended, and *agreed to*.

Clauses 155—158, *agreed to*.

Motion made, and Question, That the Committee do now adjourn—(Mr. Maurice Brooks),—put, and *agreed to*.

[Adjourned till To-morrow, at Twelve o'clock.

*Thursday, 26th July 1877.*

#### MEMBERS PRESENT.

MR. ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR IRELAND in the Chair.

Mr. Kavanagh.  
Mr. George Beresford.  
Mr. Bruen.  
Mr. Meldon.  
Mr. Swanton.  
Mr. Richard Power.  
Mr. King-Harman.

Mr. Maurice Brooks.  
Mr. Macartney.  
Mr. Delahanty.  
Mr. Verner.  
Sir Arthur Guinness.  
Mr. Gray.

Clauses 159—180, *agreed to*.

Clause 181, *postponed*.

Clauses 182 and 183, *agreed to*.

Clause 184, amended, and *agreed to*.

Clauses 185 and 186, *agreed to*.

Clause 187.—Amendment proposed at the end of the Clause to add the words, "The clerk, or secretary, or registrar, to every Burial Board and Cemetery Company, shall make or cause to be made, at such time and in such manner as the Local Government Board may direct, a return of the names, addresses, dates of death and causes of death, so far as ascertained by him, of the persons whose bodies have been interred in such burial ground, to the registrar of the district in which the burial ground is situated"—(Mr. Meldon).—Question put, That those words be there added.—The Committee divided:

Ayes, 9.  
Mr. Maurice Brooks.  
Mr. Delahanty.  
Mr. Gray.  
Sir Arthur Guinness.  
Mr. Richard Power.  
Mr. Bruen.  
Mr. Meldon.  
Mr. Macartney.  
Mr. Swanton.

Noes, 3.  
Mr. George Beresford.  
Mr. Kavanagh.  
Mr. Verner.

Clause

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 188, amended, and agreed to.

Clauses 189—191, agreed to.

Clause 192, amended, and agreed to.

Clauses 193—195, agreed to.

Clause 197.—An Amendment made.—Amendment proposed, in page 68, line 12, after the word "may," to insert the words "with the consent of the Local Government Board"—(Mr. *Brace*).—Question put, That those words be there inserted.—The Committee divided:

Ayes, 5.

Sir Arthur Guinness.  
Mr. Kavanagh.  
Mr. Bruce.  
Mr. George Beresford.  
Mr. Verner.

Noes, 7.

Mr. Maurice Brooks.  
Mr. Delahunty.  
Mr. Gray.  
Mr. Richard Power.  
Mr. Macartney.  
Mr. King-Harman.  
Mr. Swanston.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 198, agreed to.

Clause 198.—An Amendment made.—Another Amendment proposed, in page 69, line 11, after the words "stating the," to insert the words "denominations and"—(Mr. *Brace*).—Question, That those words be there inserted.—The Committee divided:

Ayes, 10.

Mr. Maurice Brooks.  
Mr. Delahunty.  
Sir Arthur Guinness.  
Mr. Richard Power.  
Mr. Kavanagh.  
Mr. Bruce.  
Mr. George Beresford.  
Mr. Verner.  
Mr. King-Harman.  
Mr. Swanston.

Noes, 1.

Mr. Gray.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 69, line 20, after the word "notices," to insert the words "and not sooner than fourteen days after the service of the last mentioned notices"—(Mr. *King-Harman*).—Question put, That those words be there inserted.—The Committee divided:

Ayes, 8.

Sir Arthur Guinness.  
Mr. Richard Power.  
Mr. Bruce.  
Mr. George Beresford.  
Mr. Verner.  
Mr. King-Harman.  
Mr. Swanston.  
Mr. Kavanagh.

Noes, 3.

Mr. Maurice Brooks.  
Mr. Delahunty.  
Mr. Gray.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 200 and 201, agreed to.

Clause 203.—Amendment proposed, in page 71, line 25, to leave out from the word "Provided" inclusive to the end of the Clause—(Mr. *Brace*).—Question put, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause."—The Committee divided:

Ayes, 5.

Mr. Delahunty.  
Mr. Gray.  
Sir Arthur Guinness.  
Mr. Richard Power.  
Mr. King-Harman.

Noes, 6.

Mr. Kavanagh.  
Mr. Bruce.  
Mr. George Beresford.  
Mr. Mellon.  
Mr. Verner.  
Mr. Swanston.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 205—208, agreed to.

[Adjourned till To-morrow, at Twelve o'clock.

Friday, 27th July 1877.

MENBERS PRESENT:

Sir MICHAEL HIGGS BEACH in the Chair.

Mr. Kavanagh.  
Mr. Bruce.  
Mr. Gray.  
Mr. Swanton.  
Mr. Redmond.  
Mr. George Beresford.  
Mr. Richard Power.

Mr. Maurice Brooks.  
Mr. Macartney.  
Mr. King-Hamman.  
Sir Arthur Guinness.  
Mr. Malden.  
Mr. Delahanty.  
Mr. Verner.

Clause 202.—An Amendment made.—Amendment proposed, in page 73, line 29, after the word "may," to insert the words "after due notice"—(Mr. Bruce).—Question put, That those words be there inserted.—The Committee divided:—

Ayea, 4.  
Mr. Kavanagh.  
Mr. Bruce.  
Mr. Verner.  
Mr. Redmond.

Noes, 7.  
Mr. Maurice Brooks.  
Mr. Delahanty.  
Mr. Gray.  
Mr. Richard Power.  
Mr. George Beresford.  
Mr. Macartney.  
Mr. Swanton.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 210 and 211, agreed to.

Clause 212, amended, and agreed to.

Clause 213.—Amendment proposed, page 76, line 20, to leave out the words "at the option of either party," in order to insert the words, "if both parties agree"—(Mr. Kavanagh).—Instead thereof.—Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.—Clause agreed to.

Clauses 214—217, agreed to.

Clause 218, amended, and agreed to.

Clause 219 and 220, agreed to.

Clause 221.—Amendment proposed, at the end of the Clause, to add the following proviso:—"Provided always, that if in the case of any city or borough, the local authority of which, or any committee of which, is constituted a sanitary authority under this Act, it be found that the borough fund is insufficient for the purposes of this Act, application may be made by such local authority to the Local Government Board, which may, by order under its seal, authorise the said local authority to levy a special sanitary rate for the purposes of this Act"—(Mr. Gray).—Question proposed, That those words be there added.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.—An Amendment made.—Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 222—233, agreed to.

Clause 234, amended, and agreed to.

Clauses 235—242, agreed to.

Clause 243.—Amendment proposed, in page 88, line 41, after "1872" to insert the words "and as further amended by this Act"—(Mr. Gray).—Question, That those words be there inserted,—put, and negatived.—Another Amendment proposed, in page 89, line 1, after the word "have," to insert the words "in addition to the rights and remedies hereinafter provided"—(Mr. Gray).—Question, That those words be there inserted,—put, and negatived.—Another Amendment proposed, page 89, line 2, to leave out from the word "audit" to the end of the Clause, in order to add the words:—"Before making any surcharge the auditor shall give notice to the clerk to the sanitary authority, and afford opportunity to those concerned to show cause to him why such surcharge should not be made."

"The auditor, if called upon by the person or persons surcharged, shall certify at foot of the account his opinion as to whether the payment surcharged was made by such person or persons bona fide in the interest of the inhabitants of the district, in the belief that it was legal, and without negligence."

"All surcharges shall be made *pro rata* upon the person or persons authorising the payment surcharged and not upon those actually making the payment in obedience to such authority."

authority, except it can be shown that the persons making the payment were aware it was illegal at the time they made it.

"If the sanitary authority is in doubt as to whether any particular payment is or is not authorised by this Act to be made by them, they may refer the question to the Local Government Board who shall be bound to advise them thereupon, and whose opinion in favour of the legality of the payment shall be sufficient authority for the making thereof.

"In addition to the right of appeal to the Court of Queen's Bench authorised by the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1871, any person or persons aggrieved by any surcharge made by any auditor under authority of the said Acts, of any payment made for the purposes of this Act may apply as therein provided to the chief secretary, and if the chief secretary be satisfied that the payment on account of which the surcharge was imposed was made *bona fide* in the interests of the inhabitants of the district in the belief that it was legal and without negligence, he may remit the same or any part thereof, and if he decline to do so he shall give the reasons for such refusal."—(Mr. Gray)—instead thereof.

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause—*put*, and *negotiated*.—Question, That the proposed words be added instead thereof—*put*, and *negotiated*.—Clause, as amended, *agreed to*.

[Adjourned till Monday next, at Twelve o'clock.

Monday 30th July, 1877.

# MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sir MICHAEL HICKS BEACH in the Chair; afterwards Mr. ATTORNEY GENERAL for IRELAND in the Chair.

Mr. George Beresford.  
Mr. Gray.  
Sir Arthur Guinness.  
Mr. Swanton.  
Mr. Bruen.  
Mr. Macartney.

Mr. Butt.  
Mr. Kavanagh.  
Mr. Vernon.  
Mr. King-Harman.  
Mr. Redmond.

Clauses 244—253, *agreed to*.

Clause 254, amended, and *agreed to*.

Clauses 255—258, *agreed to*.

Clause 259, amended, and *agreed to*.

Clauses 260 and 261, *agreed to*.

Clause 262, amended, and *agreed to*.

Clauses 263—283, *agreed to*.

Clause 284, *disagreed to*.

Clauses 285—288, *agreed to*.

Postponed Clause 2, *agreed to*.

Postponed Clause 15, *agreed to*.

Postponed Clause 181, amended, and *agreed to*.

New Clause (Construction of Schedules)—(The Chairman)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added.

Another new Clause (Power of urban authority to appoint Committee)—(The Chairman)—brought up, read a first and second time, and added.

Another new Clause brought up, and read the first time, as follows:—"The Local Government Board shall, from time to time, appoint so many fit persons as the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury shall sanction, being practising physicians or surgeons, to be inspecting medical officers of health, to assist in carrying out the provisions of this Act, and may remove all or any of such officers, and appoint others in their stead.

"There shall be paid to such inspecting medical officers of health such salaries as shall, from time to time, be appointed by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury

out of any moneys which may from time to time be provided by Parliament for that purpose.

"Within *six* calendar months after the passing of this Act, the Local Government Board shall divide the whole of Ireland into districts, for the purposes of sanitary inspection, and every such district shall be subject to the supervision of an inspecting medical officer of health"—(Mr. *Melrose*).—Question put, That this Clause be now read a second time.—The Committee divided:

## Ayes, 3.

Mr. Gray.  
Sir Arthur Guinness.  
Mr. Bruen.

## Noes, 8.

Mr. Attorney General for Ireland.  
Mr. Kavanagh.  
Mr. George Beresford.  
Mr. Verner.  
Mr. Macartney.  
Mr. Redmond.  
Mr. King-Harman.  
Mr. Swanson.

Another new Clause, brought up, and read the first time, as follows:—If any urban sanitary authority, the population of whose district exceeds One hundred thousand, requests the Local Government Board to appoint a medical superintendent officer of health for the district, the Board shall direct such appointment to be made in the manner provided by Section 10 of this Act—(Mr. *Gray*).—Question put, That this Clause be now read a second time.—The Committee divided:

## Ayes, 4.

Mr. Gray.  
Sir Arthur Guinness.  
Mr. Bruen.  
Mr. Redmond.

## Noes, 5.

Mr. Attorney General for Ireland.  
Mr. Kavanagh.  
Mr. George Beresford.  
Mr. Verner.  
Mr. King-Harman.

Another new Clause, brought up, and read the first time, as follows:—If it should appear to any urban sanitary authority, the population of whose district exceeds One hundred thousand, and for whose district a medical superintendent officer of health has been appointed, that the provisions of this Act could be more efficiently carried out in its district by a special scheme for the arrangement of the duties of the sanitary officers for such district, the sanitary authority may draw up such a scheme and submit it to the Local Government Board, who shall inquire into and sanction, reject, or modify the same, and may, with the concurrence of the sanitary authority, put such scheme in force within the district.

Notwithstanding anything contained in Section 10 of this Act, the Board shall have full power for such purpose to dispense with the service of all or any of the medical officers of health for such district without dispensing with their services as dispensary medical officers—(Mr. *Gray*).—Question put, "That this Clause be now read a second time."—The Committee divided:

## Ayes, 4.

Mr. Gray.  
Mr. Bruen.  
Mr. Redmond.  
Mr. Swanson.

## Noes, 6.

Mr. Attorney General for Ireland.  
Sir Arthur Guinness.  
Mr. Kavanagh.  
Mr. George Beresford.  
Mr. Verner.  
Mr. King-Harman.

Another new Clause (Other means of removing house refuse)—(Mr. *Bruen*)—brought up, read a first and second time, and *added*.

Another new Clause, brought up, and read the first and second time, as follows:—If any dangerous infectious disorder exist in any school, the sanitary authority may order the school to be wholly or partially closed until the premises be disinfected to its satisfaction, and any schoolmaster or schoolmistress disobeying such order, or knowingly neglecting to give information to the sanitary authority of the existence of any dangerous infectious disorder in any school under their control, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty shillings per day for every day the school is kept open after the receipt of such notice, to be recovered by the sanitary authority in a summary manner—(Mr. *Gray*).—Amendments made.—Question, That this Clause, as amended, be added to the Bill,—put, and *negotiated*.

[Adjourned till Thursday next, at Twelve o'clock.

Thursday, 2nd August 1877.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sir MICHAEL HICKS BRACE in the Chair; afterwards Mr. ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR IRELAND in the Chair.

Mr. Kavanagh.	Mr. Maurice Brooks.
Mr. George Beresford.	Mr. Swanston.
Mr. King-Harman.	Mr. Macartney.
Mr. Bruen.	Mr. Verner.
Mr. Meldon.	Mr. Butt.

New Clause, brought up, and read the first time, as follows:—It shall be the duty of the schoolmaster or schoolmistress in charge of any school to give information to the sanitary authority in case any dangerous infectious disorder breaks out in such school; and when any sanitary authority are of opinion, on the certificate of their sanitary officer, or of any legally qualified medical practitioner, or upon the information of the schoolmaster or schoolmistress, that any dangerous infectious disorder exists in any school within their district, such authority may give notice in writing to the schoolmaster or schoolmistress, requiring him or her wholly or partially, or to some limited or special extent, to close such school, and any schoolmaster or schoolmistress not closing such school when so required as aforesaid, or knowingly neglecting to give such information as aforesaid, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding forty shillings for each day during which default shall be made in complying with such notice, and a like penalty for each day during which such information shall be knowingly withheld as aforesaid.—(Mr. King-Harman).—Question put, That this Clause be now read a second time.—The Committee divided:

Ayes, 4.	Noes, 4.
Mr. George Beresford.	Mr. Kavanagh.
Mr. Macartney.	Mr. Meldon.
Mr. King-Harman.	Mr. Bruen.
Mr. Swanston.	Mr. Maurice Brooks.

Whereupon the Chairman declared himself with the Noes.

Another new Clause, brought up, and read the first and second time, as follows:—Any person who shall knowingly send a child to school who, within the space of three months, has been suffering from any dangerous infectious disorder, or who has been resident in any house in which such dangerous infectious disorder shall have existed, without a certificate from some duly qualified medical practitioner that such child is free from disease and infection, and that his or her clothes have been properly disinfected, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding forty shillings.—(Mr. King-Harman).—Amendment proposed in line 4, after the word "existed" to insert the words "within the space of three months"—(Mr. Bruce).—Question, put, That those words be there inserted.—The Committee divided:

Ayes, 9.	Noes, 1.
Mr. Maurice Brooks.	Mr. King-Harman.
Mr. Kavanagh.	
Mr. Butt.	
Mr. Bruen.	
Mr. George Beresford.	
Mr. Meldon.	
Mr. Verner.	
Mr. Macartney.	
Mr. Swanston.	

Another Amendment proposed, in line 5, to leave out the words, "from some duly qualified medical practitioner"—(Mr. Maurice Brooks).—Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.—The Committee divided:

Ayes, 9.	Noes, 1.
Mr. Swanston.	Mr. Maurice Brooks.
Mr. Butt.	
Mr. Verner.	
Mr. Kavanagh.	
Mr. George Beresford.	
Mr. Macartney.	
Mr. King-Harman.	
Mr. Bruen.	
Mr. Meldon.	

Further Amendment made.—Question put, That this Clause, as amended, be added to the Bill.—The Committee divided:

Ayes, 9.	Noes, 1.
Mr. Swanston.	Mr. Maurice Brooks.
Mr. Butt.	
Mr. Verner.	
Mr. Kavanagh.	
Mr. George Beresford.	
Mr. King-Harman.	
Mr. Bruen.	
Mr. Melden.	
Mr. Macartney.	

Another new Clause (Hospital accommodation).—(Mr. Melden)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added.

Another new Clause (Recovery of cost of maintenance of patient in hospital).—Mr. Melden—brought up, read the first and second time, and added.

Another new Clause, brought up, and read the first time, as follows:—"Every officer of a sanitary authority shall attend and assist in any prosecution instituted by such authority on receipt of an order from such authority so to attend, and for such attendance and assistance the officer shall be entitled to remuneration from the sanitary authority at such rate as the Local Government Board shall approve, unless it shall have been agreed that the duty of affording such attendance and assistance shall be included in his salary, or that his whole time shall be occupied in the discharge of the duties of his office; and such payment shall be deemed to be expenses incurred by the sanitary authority under this Act, and may be recovered as part of the costs of the prosecution."—(Mr. Melden).—Question put, That this Clause be now read a second time.—The Committee divided:

Ayes, 7.	Noes, 3.
Mr. Swanston.	Mr. Verner.
Mr. Maurice Brooks.	Mr. Macartney.
Mr. Butt.	Mr. King-Harman.
Mr. Kavanagh.	
Mr. George Beresford.	
Mr. Bruen.	
Mr. Melden.	

Amendment proposed, in line 3, to leave out the words, "and for such attendance and assistance the officer," in order to insert the words "provided always that if a medical officer of the sanitary authority shall so attend and assist he"—(Mr. Bruen).—instead thereof.—Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.—The Committee divided:

Ayes, 3.	Noes, 7.
Mr. Swanston.	Mr. Maurice Brooks.
Mr. Macartney.	Mr. Butt.
Mr. King-Harman.	Mr. Verner.
	Mr. Kavanagh.
	Mr. George Beresford.
	Mr. Bruen.
	Mr. Melden.

Words inserted.—Another Amendment proposed, in line 4, after the word "remuneration," to insert the words "for travelling expenses"—(Mr. King-Harman).—Question put, That the words "for travelling expenses" be there inserted.—The Committee divided:

Ayes, 5.	Noes, 5.
Mr. Swanston.	Mr. Maurice Brooks.
Mr. Verner.	Mr. Butt.
Mr. Kavanagh.	Mr. George Beresford.
Mr. Macartney.	Mr. Bruen.
Mr. King-Harman.	Mr. Melden.

Whereupon the Chairman declared himself with the Noes.

Another Amendment proposed, in line 5, after the words, "such rate as," to insert the words, "the sanitary authority with the consent of,"—(Mr. Macartney).—Question put, That those words be there inserted.—The Committee divided:

Ayes, 4.	Noes, 4.
Mr. Swanston.	Mr. Maurice Brooks.
Mr. Kavanagh.	Mr. Butt.
Mr. Macartney.	Mr. Bruen.
Mr. King-Harman.	Mr. Melden.

Whereupon



Whereupon the Chairman declared himself with the *Nees*.—Clause as amended, added.

Another new Clause, brought up, and read the first time, as follows:—When, in the opinion of any sanitary authority, the holding of any wake would be dangerous to the public health, they, or their duly authorised officer, may serve a notice, in form to be approved by the Local Government Board, upon the occupier of the house or room in which it is anticipated such wake is about to be held, prohibiting the holding of the same, and if after such notice the wake be held, the occupier shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding *five pounds*, and every person taking part in such wake shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding *twenty shillings*, to be recovered by the sanitary authority in a summary manner.—(*Mr. Maurice Brooks*).—Question, That this Clause be now read a second time—put, and negatived.

SCHEDULES A and B, agreed to.

NEW SCHEDULE (C) added.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

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